



The old Midway Post Office from 1897 to 1917. It was operated by William and Mary Watkins.

E. Watkins was appointed postmistress. Her office was located in a small frame store building operated by her husband, William Watkins. They continued their store and post office until 1918 when poor health and failing eyesight forced them to retire.

Because Midway was only a fourth class post office, wages were paid only on a percentage of cancelled stamps, and the pay was small, usually averaging \$32 to \$37 a month, with a little more at Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. David Murdock ran a store later in their home, now owned by David E. Provost.

Gottfried Buhler operated a store in his home, and then built a store near his house. Mary Jane Abplanalp clerked for Mr. Buhler. Later he built a new store by the German Hall. This store was a very well-stocked establishment. Mr. Buhler's daughter, Adeline (Ardell), helped her father. Finally the store closed and was converted into a creamery.

Another store which had a long life was one operated by Gottlieb Probst in his home. He carried candy and small items of merchandise. Mr. Probst was crippled and conducted his business from a chair. It was here that for many years the young people would gather in the evening to visit and sing. Mr. Probst loved the youth of the community.

One of the oldest continuously operated stores in the town was the Bonner Mercantile Store. George Bonner, Sr., aided by his sons, George and William Bonner, began this business in his home. It was a small enterprise at first, and then as business grew and the sons took it over, it justified a large new building where the store presently stands. This was built in 1879. George bought his brother's share. He proved to be a highly esteemed merchant and his business prospered. His daughters, Phebe and Margaret, clerked for him. Later his youngest daughter, June, became the bookkeeper. After Mr. Bonner's death, his daughter, Margaret, and her husband, Albert Stewart, purchased the business. June remained as bookkeeper. Mrs. Stewart did all the buying. Mr. Stewart brought in the merchandise and then delivered the purchases to far-away customers. He made his deliveries to the mines in the area, both winter and summer. The store was a general country store and supplied practically all the needs of the community. In 1948 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stewart retired from business and sold the store to Mr. and Mrs. Leland Ivers. Mrs. Ivers is the daughter of Thomas Bonner, a brother of George Bonner. So the store has really never left the Bonner family. It was renamed "Iver's Mercantile," has been remodeled and modernized, and is today a prosperous, up-to-date general store.

Mr. and Mrs. William Watkins operated a small store near their home in connection with the Post Office. Mr. Watkins also put up ice for sale. His store housed, for several years, the only telephone in town and only the most important messages were telephoned in.

For some time in the history of the town, the sweet tooth of the community was satisfied by the ice cream and candy sold by William Watkins and Thomas Hair.

Mr. Hair was the town barber for years. He established his shop and a confectionery in the pot-rock building adjacent to the big rock building on Main Street that served as the dance and theatre auditorium. Both buildings were erected by George Bonner and they still stand. The large building is now the Wasatch Stake Bishops' Storehouse.

Bishop Henry T. Coleman and Simon Epperson opened a store in